

Hickory Bluff Preserve

Riverside Primitive Campsite

700 River Camp Trail – Osteen 32764

The Riverside Campsite sits along the banks of the St. Johns River. Enjoy the tranquil beauty and natural surroundings of this Volusia County Conservation Land. Canoeing, kayaking and fishing are the perfect activities for this spot. This site is primitive camping only.

Things to Know for an enjoyable experience:

- The preserve is open sunrise to sunset to the public.
- Primitive camping means no facilities, such as water or electricity, are available. Bring all necessary water with you. No RVs or camping from motor vehicles. Security is not provided.
- There is a port-o-let on the property.
- This site can accommodate up to twenty-five campers.
- There is a large fire ring with bench seating on three sides.
- There is water access for hand-carried non-motorized vessels.
- A covered pavilion with two picnic tables and a charcoal grill is available to all campsites to share for day-use activities. Please do not set up or store items in the pavilion.
- Designated camping is behind the entry fence in the open area around the fire ring.
- Campsites are accessed through an automatic gate. You will receive the code before your date of reservation.

Help us protect this special place:

- Pack out all trash – leave no trace.
- There are no receptacles provided. It is advised to put trash in vehicles at night due to possible animal activity.
- Please dispose of all fishing line, lures, and hooks to protect the life of our wildlife.
- Fires are to be in fire rings and grills only. Completely extinguish all fires.
- Fallen wood may be used for campfires. Do not cut down trees. Do not leave wood debris or campfire materials behind.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Pets cannot be tied to trees or poles and left unattended. Pet waste must be removed.
- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Leave all plants, artifacts, and natural materials in place. Take only photographs and memories.

For everyone's safety and resource protection:

- Keep your permit readily accessible to show county personnel if requested.
- Up to eight vehicles and/or utility trailers for non-motorized vessels can park in Riverside Camp parking. No parking at the pavilion or other areas not designated for parking.
- The permit allows vehicle access to campsite parking only. Vehicles are not permitted to access the rest of Hickory Bluff, its roadways, or trails.
- Camping activities should not be for profit.
- Off-highway vehicles are not permitted in the preserve.
- Discharge of firearms, fireworks, firecrackers, or explosives is not allowed.
- Campers may be occasionally inconvenienced during their stay by necessary Land Management activities and maintenance.

Rental Terms and Conditions for all Volusia County Primitive Camping Sites

FACILITY RENTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

Standard Conditions:

- The User must have this Facility Rental Contract accessible at all times while on Conservation Lands and must be available to present to county personnel upon request. User must provide full name, address, phone number, email and make/model of vehicles in the camping group on reservation.
- This Facility Rental Contract is not transferable and is revocable and shall be revoked by the Director of Resource Stewardship and/or his designee with or without notice if the safety and health of the public is threatened, the User violates the conditions of the authorization, engages in a non-authorized use, notwithstanding any other terms or conditions of the permit to the contrary. If the Facility Rental Contract is revoked, you will be asked to leave immediately.
- All camping must occur in designated camping areas only.
- This Facility Rental Contract only allows internal access for eight vehicles and utility trailers for non-motorized vessels in designated parking spaces at the camping area. It does not allow motor vehicle access to any other roads, trails, or access points within the preserves. No parking at the pavilion.
- All trash must be removed from the site. Keep area free of rubbish and flammable materials. Upon completion of allowed activity, the area must be clean, orderly and free of any obstruction or litter.
- The length of stay for authorized camping shall be no greater than seven (7) consecutive days or thirty (30) total days per calendar year, per preserve.
- Camping continuously is prohibited by changing the name on a reservation and will result in a ban from future reservations. This includes but is not limited to, using multiple user profiles, or advanced reservations. A security deposit may be required at the discretion of the County.
- User must request cancellation at least 48 hours prior to Facility Rental Contract activity. Cancellations are refunded by County check only. If a Security Deposit was collected, it is refunded by County check.
- Access to the Property is allowed after 12:00 p.m. on the first approved day and must be vacated by 11:00 a.m. on the last approved day.
- Pets must be leashed at all times and not left unattended. You are responsible to clean up (County Ordinance 4.52) after your pet. Pet owners must have proof of animal rabies immunizations.
- The area is authorized for use in “as is” and “where is” condition.
- All personal property placed upon, or moved in or upon the area by the User shall be at the sole risk of the User.
- User agrees to close and lock gates at the time of each entry and exit to and from the area.
- Any physical alteration of any building, structure, facility or appurtenance thereof without the prior written approval of the Director of Resource Stewardship or his/her designee is prohibited. User may be held responsible for any damage to any building, structure, facility or appurtenance thereof, beyond ordinary wear and tear.

- The User is responsible for complying with all applicable County, State and Federal laws and regulations that are applicable to the authorized use.
- Any conduct which will unreasonably interfere or detract from the general enjoyment of the Conservation lands is prohibited.
- Due care shall be exercised against starting and spreading fires. User shall be liable for all damages caused by wildfires, including costs of suppression. Depending upon local conditions, the igniting or maintaining of a campfire is prohibited. No campfires when burn ban is in effect.
- Docking, beaching or launching of motorized boats on the shoreline is prohibited. All boats must be moored out away from shoreline.
- The use of firearms, fireworks, firecrackers, explosives or similar equipment is prohibited.
- Removal or disturbance of animals or plants is prohibited. Only fallen wood may be used for campfires. No cutting of trees is permitted. Wildlife and plant life are protected.
- User is responsible for providing adequate potable water and other necessary supplies.
- Quiet hours are 11:00pm to 7:00 am. No music (must comply with County Music Festival Ordinance #70-5) or amplifying equipment will be allowed. Use of the facility for any purpose other than stated in the Facility Rental Contract or posted is prohibited.
- Metal detecting is prohibited. Drug use is prohibited.
- No glass bottles or glass containers.
- The applicant hereby agrees to save and hold harmless the County of Volusia, its agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits at law equity of whatever kind of nature for damages to or loss of property or injury or death to persons, resulting directly or indirectly from or attributable to the applicant or its employees in connection with the event authorized by this Facility Rental Contract.